

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A cobalt-iron alloy film comprising an
2 cobalt-iron alloy film having a saturation magnetization
3 of at least about 2.30 Tesla, said film including between
4 about 55% and about 75% iron and the remainder cobalt,
5 said percentage being by weight based on the total weight
6 of the alloy.

1 2. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 1
2 wherein said iron constituent is present in an amount of
3 between about 60% and about 66%.

1 3. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 2
2 wherein said iron constituent is present in an amount of
3 between about 62% and about 65%.

1 4. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 1
2 wherein said saturation magnetization is in the range of
3 between about 2.32 and about 2.50 Tesla.

1 5. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 4
2 wherein said saturation magnetization moment is in the
3 range of between about 2.38 and about 2.53 Tesla.

1 6. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 1
2 wherein said anisotropy is manifested by an easy axis
3 coercivity of no more than about 22 Oe and which drops to
4 no more than about 12 Oe upon annealing; a hard axis
5 coercivity of no more than about 17 Oe which drops to no
6 more than about 9 Oe upon annealing; and a magnetic

7 anisotropy of no more than 30 which is unchanged upon
8 annealing.

1 7. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 6
2 wherein said easy axis coercivity is no more than about
3 17 Oe which drops to no more than about 8 Oe upon
4 annealing; said hard axis coercivity is no more than
5 about 7 Oe which drops to about 3.5 Oe upon annealing;
6 and a magnetic anisotropy of no more than about 24 Oe
7 which is substantially unchanged upon annealing.

1 8. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 7
2 wherein said easy axis coercivity is no more than about
3 15 Oe which drops to no more than about 6 Oe upon
4 annealing; said hard axis coercivity is no more than
5 about 5 Oe which drops to no more than about 2.5 Oe upon
6 annealing; and a magnetic anisotropy of no more than
7 about 20.5 Oe which is substantially unchanged upon
8 annealing.

1 9. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 1
2 wherein said film has a specific resistivity in the range
3 of about 17 and about 65 $\mu\Omega\text{-cm}$.

1 10. An alloy film in accordance with Claim 1
2 wherein said film has an internal mechanical stress
3 resistance in range of between about 250 MPa and about
4 800 MPa.

1 11. A process of making a cobalt-iron alloy
2 film which comprises electrodepositing an alloy film from
3 an aqueous medium which includes one or more ferrous

4 salts, one or more cobaltous salts, an acid which is at
5 least one mono- or polycarboxylic acid having pKa in the
6 range of between about 3.5 and about 5.5, a buffer which
7 is at least one buffer having a pKa of about 6 to 8 which
8 does not co-deposit into said alloy film and an aromatic
9 sulfinic acid or a salt thereof.

1 12. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said ferrous salt is a ferrous sulfate salt and
3 said cobalt salt is a cobalt sulfate salt.

1 13. A process in accordance with Claim 12
2 wherein said ferrous sulfate and said cobalt sulfate
3 salts are hydrates.

1 14. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said acid is acetic acid, succinic acid, glutaric
3 acid, methylsuccinic acid, mannitol or sorbitol.

1 15. A process in accordance with Claim 14
2 wherein said acid is acetic acid.

1 16. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said buffer is boric acid or an alkyl-substituted
3 pyridine.

1 17. A process in accordance with Claim 16
2 wherein said buffer is boric acid, 2-picoline or 2,6-
3 lutidine.

1 18. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said aromatic sulfinic acid or salt thereof is a
3 benzenesulfinate salt.

1 19. A process in accordance with Claim 18
2 wherein said benzenesulfinic salt is a sodium salt of a
3 benzenesulfinate hydrate salt.

1 20. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said aqueous medium includes a surfactant.

1 21. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said aqueous medium includes a halide salt.

1 22. A process in accordance with Claim 20
2 wherein said halide salt is sodium chloride.

1 23. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said alloy film is electrodeposited upon an
3 electrically conductive substrate from a wet chemical
4 medium.

1 24. A process in accordance with Claim 23
2 wherein said electrically conductive substrate is a thin
3 film of a nickel-iron alloy, a nickel-cobalt alloy, an
4 iron-cobalt alloy, a cobalt-nickel-iron alloy, an iron-
5 nitrogen alloy, an iron aluminum-boron alloy, rhodium,
6 ruthenium, platinum, gold, copper or palladium.

1 25. A process in accordance with Claim 23
2 where said wet chemical medium includes acetic acid,
3 boric acid, a cobalt sulfate salt, an iron sulfate salt

4 and an alkali metal benzenesulfinate wherein said cobalt
5 salt and iron salt are present such that the weight ratio
6 of iron to cobalt, based on the total iron and cobalt
7 weight in said chemical medium, is at least about 50%.

1 26. A process in accordance with Claim 11
2 wherein said electroplating occurs at an average cathodic
3 current density in the range of between about 5 and about
4 30 milliamperes per square centimeter and wherein said
5 aqueous medium has a pH in the range of about 2.5 to
6 about 3.5.

1 27. A process in accordance with Claim 26
2 wherein said electroplating occurs using direct current,
3 pulsed current, cathodically biased sinusoidal current or
4 pulsed reversed current.

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